

**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION:**

**TOURO COLLEGE, JACOB D. FUCHSBERG LAW CENTER**

J.D., December 1987, **Cum Laude**

Member of the **Law Review**

Recipient of **AmJur** Award for Legal Research and Writing, 1985

**HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**

M.A., English Literature, 1974

Thesis - D.H. Lawrence

**LEHMAN COLLEGE, CUNY**

B.A., History, 1971

**EMPLOYMENT:**

4/88 to Present **FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,**  
(formerly Scheine, Fusco, Brandenstein & Rada, P.C.)  
Woodbury, New York  
Member of the firm

Disability Income insurance claims and litigation in state courts;  
Long Term Disability claims and litigation in federal courts (ERISA); and  
Administrative hearings and federal court appeals in Social Security claims.

6/12/06 Expert Witness (at collateral source hearing) o/b/o plaintiff in  
*French v. Schiavo and Technical Mechanical Services, Inc.*  
Supreme Court, State of New York, New York County  
Index No. 100207/98 (Judge Stackhouse)

4/97 to 7/00 **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**  
Committee Member, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee  
(appointed by Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services)

Meetings (usually in Washington, D.C.) to receive public comment, confer with members  
(Surgeon General of the United States, physicians from the FDA, SSA, CDC, NIH, and  
leading clinical researchers in the field), to advise the Secretary about CFS.

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02/87 **HAYT, HAYT & LANDAU, Great Neck, New York**  
to Legal Assistant  
04/88

Develop procedures and policies for a new Social Security Disability Department; drafted motions, complaints, and memoranda in various fields of law for partners in offices located in several states.

03/74 to **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**  
02/87 Claims Representative

Determine entitlements; field investigations; interviews; systems troubleshooting.  
*Superior Performance Awards*, March 1984 and January 1986  
*High Quality Increase Award*, November 1978

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

States of New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts  
U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of  
New York, and the Districts of New Jersey and Massachusetts  
U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits  
U.S. Supreme Court

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

*New York State Bar Association*  
*National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives*

#### **LEGISLATION**

Proposed revision of ERISA 29 U.S.C. §1132(e) to require *de novo* review by federal courts, discussed with Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy and her legal staff, until HR 2622 was introduced by her on June 7, 2007.

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

Heiman, "Disability Income and Long Term Disability Benefits" Nassau  
County PBA NEWSLETTER, Jan. and Feb. 2000 (two-part series)

Heiman, On Social Security Disability, New Jersey Chronic Fatigue  
Syndrome Association NEWSLETTER, 5 (December 1995)

Heiman, Who Will Speak for the Disabled?, CFIDS Chronicle 64-65 (Summer 1995)

Heiman, Letter to Editor, *New York State Bar Journal*, Jan. 1993, pp. 4 and 47

Heiman, The Weight of Chiropractic Evidence in Social Security Disability  
Determinations, 39 Social Security Reporting Service 763-71 (1993)

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Heiman, Non-solicitation and Cease and Desist Orders Against Real Estate Brokers in New York, 15 Fordham University Urban Law Journal 595-624 (1987)

Heiman, The Salerno Challenge to the Bail Reform Act of 1984, 4 Touro Law Review 133-59 (1987)

Heiman, Aliens Under Social Security, Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, 19 Social Security Reporting Service 777-812 (1987)

Heiman, Avoiding Cessation While Returning to Work, 18 Social Security Reporting Service 955-72 (1987)

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

*National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives*  
"Long-Term Disability & Disability Income Insurance Claims -  
Update 2000"  
Westin Hotel, Seattle, Washington  
October 20, 2000

*American Conference Institute: Litigating Disability Insurance Claims*  
"ERISA: Friend or Foe"  
Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts  
June 22, 2000

*New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association:*  
Sixth Annual Patient Conference  
"CFS in Social Security and Long Term Disability Insurance Claims"  
Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey  
April 8, 2000

*WGBB Radio at 1240 AM: LABOR LINES*  
"Private and Employer-Sponsored Long Term Disability Policies  
and Their Pitfalls"  
October 15, 1999 at 11:00 P.M.  
October 16, 1999 at 6:30 P.M.

*New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants*  
"Social Security Planning"  
Equinox Hotel, Manchester Village, Vermont  
June 6, 1999

*National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives*  
"Questionable Retirement Claims"

J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.  
April 23, 1999

*Long Island Society of the ICFP* (Certified Financial Planners)  
"Disability Insurance: Concerns for the Advisor"  
Huntington Hilton Hotel, New York  
September 15, 1998

*FMS Resources Group, Ltd.*  
"Disability and Fibromyalgia"  
New York Hilton Hotel, New York City  
May 23, 1998

*National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives*  
"Disability Income and Long-Term Disability Claims"  
J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.  
April 3, 1997

*Lupus Foundation of America*  
"Disability and Lupus"  
Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York  
October 11, 1995

*New York State Bar Association*  
"Handling the Social Security Disability Case"  
Marriott Hotel, Uniondale, New York  
May 5, 1995

**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED:**

*National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives*

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts – April 2006  
Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – November 2004  
Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, California – November 2002  
J.W. Marriott, Washington, D.C. – April of 2001, 1999, 1997, and 1995  
Westin Hotel, Seattle, Washington - October 2000  
Marriott Rivercenter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas - November 1998

*American Bar Association*  
"Blueprint for Disability Law and Policy"  
Renaissance Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C. - June 17 - June 19, 1998